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Executive Director John J. Johnson  
Kentucky Commission on Human Rights  
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Our commonwealth and our nation have made great strides in the field of human rights since 1960, and the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights has played a major part in that progress. In fact, the Commission has grown in stature and ability alongside our nation's growth over the last half-century. Every commissioner and staffer over the years deserves congratulations and recognition for their work.

Kentuckians of all races, creeds, and origins depend on the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights to protect their basic needs, from shelter to employment. These are guaranteed by our state and federal laws, but throughout our history, laws without enforcement have been a hollow promise in all too many instances. This Commission has been that protective guardian to significant numbers of our citizens.

At the same time, the Commission plays a key role in educating our populace. In the same way that preventive medical care creates a physically healthier society, your outreach helps to build a Kentucky that understands and appreciates the diversity of our people. We are all better for the variety of backgrounds on which our commonwealth is built, and future generations will develop an ever stronger commitment to the ideals that the Commission promotes, thanks to you.

For all these reasons and many more, I salute the Commission's continuing effort to move us to a more just society. I trust that its service over the next fifty years will prove as distinguished as the efforts of these first fifty.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald A. Neal".

Gerald Neal  
Kentucky State Senator